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GLORIA MOLINA ANNOUNCES 7 NEW FITNESS ZONES IN FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Molina Also Applauds Land Acquisition for Elyria Canyon Park

LOS ANGELES (December 20, 2011)—Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina announced today the allocation of \$425,000 toward the construction of Fitness Zones at six county parks throughout the First District, in addition to one more at Morgan Park in the City of Baldwin Park.

“Fitness Zones supply gym equipment to unincorporated neighborhoods so local residents can exercise free of charge,” Molina said. “They’ve been very successful in the ten parks areas where L.A. County already has installed them—and we’re proud to partner once again with the Trust for Public Land to construct seven more.”

The six Fitness Zones installed at county parks will be located at Avocado Heights Park in unincorporated Avocado Heights; City Terrace Park and Saybrook Park in unincorporated East Los Angeles; Bassett Park and Martin Park in unincorporated West Valinda; and Valleydale Park in unincorporated Azusa. Funds will go toward the purchase and installation of outdoor fitness equipment as well as site preparation, concrete curbing, and bilingual information at each Fitness Zone site. Of the total \$425,000 amount, Los Angeles County will provide \$175,000 from Proposition A funds—and the Trust for Public Land will supply the remaining \$250,000 through private grants secured by the organization.

Construction on the seven new Fitness Zones is scheduled to begin in January of 2012 and should be complete by the Spring.

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The Trust for Public Land has successfully worked with Los Angeles County on ten previous Fitness Zone projects in the First District. These include Mayberry Park in unincorporated South Whittier; the Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale; the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area in South El Monte; Belvedere Park, Obregon Park, and Roosevelt Park in unincorporated East Los Angeles; Dalton Park in unincorporated Azusa; Rimgrove Park in unincorporated Valinda; Sunshine Park in unincorporated East Valinda; and unincorporated San Angelo Park in unincorporated Avocado Heights.

Today's announcement comes on the heels of a separate action taken last week by the Board of Supervisors to allocate \$200,000 to the Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority toward the Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project—a 1.44-acre, seven parcel project adjacent to Elyria Canyon Park in the City of Los Angeles. The parcels are located on an unpaved portion of Burnell Drive. The Dirt Burnell Trail traverses through these parcels, and the Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project will provide direct access to Elyria Canyon Park through walnut woodlands which spread through the park. Of the total \$200,000 project amount, Los Angeles County will supply \$145,000 from Proposition A funds and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy will supply \$55,000 via funding from the State of California.

"We're very excited to be contributing county parks dollars to the Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project," Molina said. "When we urged voters to support Proposition A back in 1996, we promised to bring more parks, trails, and river revitalization projects to California's urban areas—and I am pleased that, through endeavors such as the Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project, we continue to make good on our promise."

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